

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-31, 33, 35, and 36 are pending, in which claims 32 and 34 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer (claim 5 having been previously canceled), claims 1, 10, 17, 22, 33, and 35 are currently amended, and claim 36 is newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed January 13, 2004 rejected claims 1-4 and 6-31 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Cameron et al.* (US 6,317,490 B1) in view of *Doherty et al.* (US 5,333,184) and further in view of *Walker et al.* (US 5,949,875).

Claims 32-35 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 10, 17, and 22 to include various features found in allowable claims 32-35.

Accordingly, the obviousness rejection is rendered moot.

With respect to newly added claim 36, this independent claim is drawn to a method for managing call billing records, and recites "retrieving a directory of call event records associated with a call billing data in a first format, the call event records being created by a local exchange carrier; outputting a file representing the call billing data in a second format based on the call event records; and transmitting the output file to a co-carrier access billing system for settlement with a data service provider and the local exchange carrier." These features are not anticipated or made obvious by the applied references of *Cameron et al.*, *Doherty et al.*, and *Walker et al.*, individually or in combination.

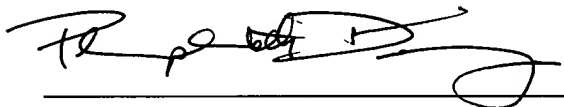
Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the

undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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